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by averaging a most recent V-V interval duration [and] with a stored previously-computed value of the first indicated pacing interval; and

providing pacing therapy, based on the first indicated pacing interval.

28. (Amended) A method, including:

detecting an atrial tachyarrhythmia;

obtaining V-V intervals between ventricular beats;

computing a first indicated pacing interval [from] by averaging a most recent V-V

interval duration [and] with a previous value of the first indicated pacing interval; and

providing pacing therapy, based on the first indicated pacing interval, when the atrial tachyarrhythmia is present.

58. (Amended) A cardiac rhythm management system, including:

a ventricular sensing circuit for sensing ventricular beats;

a controller, obtaining V-V intervals between ventricular beats and [recursively] computing a first indicated pacing interval, for a most recent V-V interval concluded by a paced beat and for a most recent V-V interval concluded by a sensed beat, [using] by averaging a most recent V-V interval duration [and] with a stored previously-computed value of the first indicated

pacing interval; and

a ventricular therapy circuit, providing pacing therapy based on the first indicated pacing interval.

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- 63. (Amended) A cardiac rhythm management system, including:
  - a ventricular sensing circuit;
  - a controller, the controller including:
    - a V-V interval timer;
    - a first register, for storing a first indicated pacing interval;
  - a filter, [recursively] updating the first indicated pacing interval, for a most recent V-V interval concluded by a paced beat and for a most recent V-V interval concluded by a sensed beat, [using] by averaging the most recent V-V interval stored in the V-V interval timer [and] with the previously-computed stored value of first indicated pacing interval stored in the first register; and
- a ventricular therapy circuit, providing pacing therapy based at least partially on the first indicated pacing interval.
- 91. (Amended) A cardiac rhythm management system, including:
  - a ventricular sensing circuit;
  - a controller, the controller including:
    - a V-V interval timer;
    - a first register, for storing a first indicated pacing interval;
  - means for [recursively] updating the first indicated pacing interval, for a most recent V-V interval concluded by a paced and for a most recent V-V interval concluded by a sensed beat, [using] by averaging a most recent V-V interval duration [and] with a stored previously-computed value of the first indicated pacing interval; and
- a ventricular therapy circuit, providing pacing therapy based at least partially on the first indicated pacing interval.